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## 195,400 Help Wanted OnLine Ads in March 85 Percent Seek Full-Time Workers

**CHICAGO** – Illinois businesses placed more than 195,400 help wanted ads on the internet in March, the Illinois Department of Employment Security said today. More than 85 percent sought full-time workers.

The help wanted activity echoes other economic indicators that point to a growing economy. Help wanted demand has increased in 25 of the past 27 months. The data is not seasonally adjusted.

“The help wanted ads show Illinois’ business leaders are looking to add workers to meet current orders and anticipated future demand,” IDES Director Jay Rowell said. “These good paying job opportunities across our state show the progress that is being made as our economy improves.”

[The Conference Board](#) collects the Help Wanted Online data. The Conference Board is a global, independent business membership and research association. The data measures new, first-time online jobs and jobs reposted from the previous month on internet job boards, corporate boards and smaller, niche websites.

Statewide, the top five advertised positions in March were truck drivers (9,944), registered nurses, (6,171), first-line supervisors of retail salespersons (4,381), retail salespersons (4,351), and customer service representatives (4,038). The most-often sought workers also included marketing managers (3,931) computer systems analysts (3,576) and web developers (3,423).

The median hourly wage for an Illinois truck driver is \$20.57; registered nurse, \$31.34; first-line supervisors of retail salesperson, \$17.03; retail salespersons, \$9.85; and customer service representatives \$16.08. Typically, the positions include some benefits, such as health insurance, paid sick days and vacation.

Included in the data are more than 130,000 positions advertised on [Illinoisjoblink.com](http://Illinoisjoblink.com). IDES operates the state’s hiring board. Job seekers can build multiple resumes to emphasize different skills and experiences. Business owners can use keyword matching technology to search resumes and find the best candidate. [Illinoisjoblink.com](http://Illinoisjoblink.com) is free for workers and employers. It compares favorably to private efforts that cost hundreds of dollars. No-cost HR recruitment services for employers and workers are available at the website and at (877) 342-7533.

Using [Illinoisjoblink.com](http://Illinoisjoblink.com) to apply for work or record other work search efforts can ensure eligibility for current and future unemployment insurance benefits.

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## Local Help Wanted Ads – March 2014

### Top 5 Occupations:

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#### Region 1 - Central

Cass, Christian, Greene, Logan, Macon, Macoupin, Menard, Montgomery, Morgan, Sangamon, Scott, Shelby Counties

- Transportation and Material Moving Occupations: 987 jobs
- Sales and Related Occupations: 967 jobs
- Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations: 822 jobs
- Office and Administrative Support Occupations: 716 jobs
- Management Occupations: 427 jobs

#### Region 2 - East Central

Champaign, Douglas, Ford, Iroquois, Piatt, Vermilion Counties.

- Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations: 780 jobs
- Sales and Related Occupations: 706 jobs
- Transportation and Material Moving Occupations: 603 jobs
- Office and Administrative Support Occupations: 463 jobs
- Management Occupations: 341 jobs

#### Region 3 - North Central

De Witt, Fulton, Livingston, Mc Lean, Marshall, Mason, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, Woodford Counties.

- Sales and Related Occupations: 1,373 jobs
- Transportation and Material Moving Occupations: 1,140 jobs
- Office and Administrative Support Occupations: 1,024 jobs
- Computer and Mathematical Occupations: 923 jobs
- Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations: 713 jobs

#### Region 4 - Northeast

Cook, De Kalb, Du Page, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, Mc Henry, Will Counties.

- Computer and Mathematical Occupations: 20,817 jobs
- Management Occupations: 18,889 jobs
- Sales and Related Occupations: 18,144 jobs
- Office and Administrative Support Occupations: 15,445 jobs
- Business and Financial Operations Occupations: 12,906 jobs

#### Region 5 - Northern Stateline

Boone, Ogle, Stephenson, Winnebago Counties.

- Office and Administrative Support Occupations: 863 jobs
- Sales and Related Occupations: 845 jobs
- Transportation and Material Moving Occupations: 781 jobs
- Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations: 576 jobs
- Management Occupations: 413 jobs

#### Region 6 - Northwest

Bureau, Carroll, Henry, Jo Daviess, La Salle, Lee, Mercer, Putnam, Rock Island, Whiteside Counties.

- Transportation and Material Moving Occupations: 603 jobs
- Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations: 594 jobs
- Sales and Related Occupations: 529 jobs
- Office and Administrative Support Occupations: 513 jobs
- Computer and Mathematical Occupations: 421 jobs

#### Region 7 - Southeastern

Clark, Clay, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, Edgar, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Lawrence, Marion, Moultrie, Richland Counties.

- Transportation and Material Moving Occupations: 341 jobs
- Sales and Related Occupations: 246 jobs
- Office and Administrative Support Occupations: 230 jobs
- Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations: 220 jobs
- Production Occupations: 154 jobs

#### Region 8 - Southern

Alexander, Edwards, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Saline, Union, Wabash, Wayne, White, Williamson Counties.

- Sales and Related Occupations: 472 jobs
- Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations: 447 jobs
- Transportation and Material Moving Occupations: 342 jobs
- Office and Administrative Support Occupations: 326 jobs
- Management Occupations: 194 jobs

#### Region 9 - Southwestern

Bond, Calhoun, Clinton, Jersey, Madison, Monroe, Randolph, St. Clair, Washington Counties.

- Sales and Related Occupations: 658 jobs
- Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations: 517 jobs
- Transportation and Material Moving Occupations: 486 jobs
- Computer and Mathematical Occupations: 461 jobs
- Office and Administrative Support Occupations: 426 jobs

#### Region 10 - West Central

Adams, Brown, Hancock, Henderson, Knox, Mc Donough, Pike, Schuyler, Warren Counties.

- Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations: 358 jobs
- Sales and Related Occupations: 279 jobs
- Office and Administrative Support Occupations: 195 jobs
- Transportation and Material Moving Occupations: 185 jobs
- Management Occupations: 140 jobs

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